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The Honorable Donald A. Manzullo
U. S. House of Representatives
409 Cannon Building
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Dear Congressman Manzullo:

Thank you for your letter dated December 21, 1997, on behalf of your constituents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olsen, of Byron, Illinois, concerning the placement of communication towers. Your constituents' letter refers to a proceeding that is pending before the Commission. In MM Docket No. 97-182, the Commission has sought comments on a Petition for Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making filed by the National Association for Broadcasters and the Association for Maximum Service Television. In this proceeding, the petitioners ask the Commission to adopt a rule limiting the exercise of State and local zoning authority with respect to broadcast transmission facilities in order to facilitate the rapid build-out of digital television facilities, as required by the Commission's rules to fulfill Congress' mandate. MM Docket No. 97-182 addresses only the construction and placement of broadcast transmission facilities, not facilities used by telecommunications companies. In two other pending proceedings, the Commission is addressing issues relating to the construction and placement of facilities used to provide wireless telecommunications service. In WT Docket No. 97-192, the Commission has sought comment on proposed procedures for reviewing requests for relief from State and local regulations that are alleged to impermissibly regulate the siting of personal wireless service facilities based on the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions, and related matters. Finally, in DA 96-2140 and FCC 97-264, the Commission twice sought comments on a Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association seeking relief from certain State and local moratoria that have been imposed on the siting of commercial mobile radio service facilities.

Because these proceedings are still pending, we cannot comment on the merits of the issues at this time. However, I can assure you that the Commission is committed to providing a full opportunity for all interested parties to participate. The Commission has formally sought public comment in these proceedings and, as a result, has received numerous comments from State and local governments, service providers, and the public at large. Your letter and your constituents' letter, as well as this response, will be placed in the record of all three proceedings and will be given full consideration.

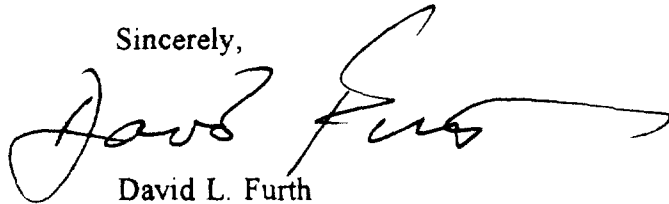
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Further information regarding the Commission's policies toward personal wireless service facilities siting, including many of the comments in the two proceedings involving personal wireless service facilities, is available on the Commission's internet site at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/siting>.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Furth", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David L. Furth
Chief, Commercial Wireless Division
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

DONALD A. MANZULLO

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The Honorable William Kennard
Chairman
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Dear William:

I have been contacted by Mr. Alfred Olsen, a constituent from Byron, Illinois, who is concerned about the placement of communication towers.

I have enclosed a copy of his original letter, and I would appreciate it if you could please provide us information that addresses his concerns consistent with your applicable rules and regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



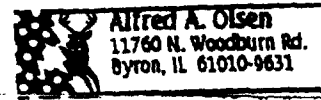
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We would like to
CONCERN AGAINST THE CONSTRUCTION OF
TOWERS BY "COMMUNICATION" COMPANIES.
WE UNDERSTAND THE FCC IS PROPOSING
A DOCKET, (MM DOCKET NO 97-182) TO
ALLOW FOR THIS CONSTRUCTION. WE
WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN
FOR PRIVATE AVIATION'S DANGERS
PLUS THE ELECTRONIC WAVES.

Thank you
for your attention

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MR MRS A. OLSEN
Byron, Ill